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SUBJECT: SISCO/DINITZ REMARKS TO PRESS

1. FOLLOWING ARE REMARKS TO THE PRESS BY ISRAELI AMBASSADOR DINITZ AND UNDER SECRETARY SISCO FOLLOWING THEIR MEETING AT THE DEPT. JULY 3:

UNDER SECRETARY SISCO: AMBASSADOR DINITZ AND I HAVE HAD A LONG DISCUSSION THIS MORNING. THIS IS A FOLLOW-UP MEETING WHICH THE AMBASSADOR HAD WITHIN THE LAST 24 HOURS WITH THE SECRETARY OF STATE IN CANELL BAY. WE FOCUSSED ON A NUMBER OF SPECIFIC POINTS THIS MORNING IN RATHER CONSIDERABLE DETAIL, AND WE DID THIS IN THE CONTEXT OF THE AMBASSADOR'S REQUEST FOR CLARIFICATION ON CERTAIN POINTS. THE AMBASSADOR NOW WILL BE GOING BACK TO ISRAEL THIS AFTERNOON AND I THINK THAT THE DISCUSSIONS GAVE BOTH OF US AN OPPORTUNITY TO FOCUS ON A NUMBER OF THESE POINTS IN A RATHER PRECISE AND DETAILED WAY.

AMBASSADOR DINITZ: I DON'T THINK THAT I HAVE TO ENLARGE EXCEPT TO SAY THAT THIS MEETING WITH UNDER SECRETARY SISCO WAS WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE CLARIFICATION THAT I UNCLASSIFIED

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WAS REQUESTED BY MY GOVERNMENT TO CONDUCT PRIOR TO MY

DEPARTURE TO ISRAEL FOR CONSULTATION. I THINK THE MEETING WITH THE SECRETARY AND SUBSEQUENTLY THE MEETING WITH THE UNDER SECRETARY GIVES ME A BETTER POSITION TO RELATE TO THE FOREIGN MINISTER, TO THE PRIME MINISTER, AND TO THE GOVERNMENT THOSE ITEMS THAT NEEDED CLARIFICATION. AND I WILL BE LEAVING SHORTLY WITHIN 20 MINUTES OR SO, IF I MAKE THE PLANE, TO REPORT TO MY GOVERNMENT.

QUESTION: WERE YOU ENCOURAGED, MR. AMBASSADOR, WITH WHAT SECRETARY KISSINGER WAS ABLE TO TELL YOU?

AMBASSADOR DINITZ: I CANNOT GO INTO THE SUBSTANCE OF THE CONVERSATION FOR OBVIOUS REASONS, BUT I BELIEVE THAT EVERY CLARIFICATION IS USEFUL.

QUESTION: DO YOU HAVE AN EGYPTIAN MAP?

AMBASSADOR DINITZ: I CANNOT GO INTO THAT.

QUESTION: IS THERE A CHANCE OF THE SECRETARY SEEING MR. RABIN IN EUROPE?

AMBASSADOR DINITZ: WE HAVEN'T DISCUSSED THAT THIS MORNING.

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UNDER SECRETARY SISCO: ON THAT POINT, THERE ARE NO PRESENT PLANS FOR THE SECRETARY TO SEE PRIME MINISTER RABIN IN EUROPE.

QUESTION: WHO REQUESTED THE MEETING IN THE VIRGIN ISLANDS?

AMBASSADOR DINITZ: THE MEETING WITH THE SECRETARY WAS AT MY REQUEST. INGERSOLL

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